



# Commission of Food Security, Heritage, and Economy

Wednesday, January 13, 2016, 8:00 a.m  
4th Floor West Conference Room, Tucson City Hall  
255 W. Alameda St., Tucson, Arizona 85726

## Minutes (Approved March 9, 2016)

### 1. Call to Order/Roll Call

The Chair called the meeting to order at 8:05am. Quorum was reached at 8:10am.

Attendance was as follows:

#### **Present:**

Erika Mitnik-White  
Robert Ojeda  
Kara Jones ( arrived at 8:10)  
Chet Phillips  
Jesus Garcia  
Daniel McDonald  
Kelly Watters  
David Ludwig  
Sam Alboy (arrived at 8:10)  
Debbie Weingarten  
Cie'na Schaepli (arrive at 8:12)  
Maribel Alvarez  
Gary P. Nabhan

#### **Absent:**

Vanessa Bechtol  
Kris Vrolijk  
Dora Martinez  
Douglas Taren

#### **Staff Present:**

Ryan Anderson, Secretary

#### **Representing:**

Local First Arizona  
Community Food Bank of S. AZ  
Community Food Bank of S. AZ  
Southwest Folklife Alliance  
Arizona-Sonoran Desert Museum  
UA College of Ag and Life Sciences  
Pima County Food Alliance  
Pima County Health Dept  
Local First Arizona  
Community Food Bank of S. AZ  
Pima County Food Alliance  
Southwest Folklife Alliance  
Native Seeds/SEARCH

#### **Representing:**

Santa Cruz Valley Heritage Alliance  
Local First Arizona  
Pima County Food Alliance  
UA College of Public Health

Mayor's Office

### 2. Action: Review and Approval of Minutes

Sam Alboy noted that Debbie Weingarten's name was misspelled and asked staff to make the corrections.

*Action:* Sam Alboy moved to approve the minutes with the noted corrections. Chet Phillips seconded the motion, which passed with 13 votes. Vanessa Bechtol, Kris Vrolijk, Dora Martinez, and Doug Taren were absent.

### 3. Standing Item: UNESCEO City of Gastronomy Update

Jonathan Mabry explained that UNESCO creative cities must have criteria for use of the City of Gastronomy designation.

*Action:* Sam Alboy moved to create a process and criteria for granting the UNESCO City of Gastronomy endorsement to an event. Dan McDonald seconded the motion, which passed with 13 votes. Vanessa Bechtol, Kris Vrolijk, Dora Martinez, and Dour Taren were absent.

*Action:* Robert Ojeda moved to place an item on the agenda to consider the role of the CFSHE in management of the UNESCO designation, and the Commission's relationship to any body created for the purpose of managing the designation. Maribel Alvarez seconded the motion, which passed with 13 votes. Vanessa Bechtol, Kris Vrolijk, Dora Martinez, and Dour Taren were absent.

**4. Presentation by David Ludwig, Program Manager for Consumer Health & Food Safety, Pima County Health Department**

Mr. Ludwig presented on the proposed changes to the Pima County Health Code changes. His presentation can be found on the Commission's webpage.

*Action:* Gary Nabhan moved to support the health code changes by drafting and submitting a letter of support by the committee. Sam Alboy agreed to draft the letter, and seconded the motion, which passed with 13 votes. Vanessa Bechtol, Kris Vrolijk, Dora Martinez, and Dour Taren were absent.

**5. Presentation by Cie'na Schlaefli, Food Production Manager, San Xavier Coop Farm**

Ms. Schaeffli explained the Farmer's Education Resource Network (FERN), described a grant that would support their work, and asked for the Commission's endorsement for the grant proposal.

*Action:* Kelly Waters moved to support FERN's grant application by drafting and submitting a letter of support by the committee. Chet Phillips seconded the motion, which passed with 13 votes. Vanessa Bechtol, Kris Vrolijk, Dora Martinez, and Dour Taren were absent.

**6. Action: Gary P. Nabhan will brief the Commission on the Center for Regional Food Studies indicators of food system change, and solicit comments and support**

Gary Nabhan presented. Mr. Nabhan stated that he would keep the Commission informed as the project develops. No action was taken.

**7. Call to Audience/Announcements**

None.

**8. Adjournment**

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 a.m.

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